

# St. Mary's Parish



## Our Mission:

*"To know Christ and to make Him known."*

### Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday  
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils  
5:00 PM  
7:30 PM

Sunday  
7:30 AM  
9:30 AM Family Mass  
(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)  
11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

### Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from  
9:30-10:30 AM

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**Dear Visitors:** Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass. Please join in!

**Confession:** Saturdays from Noon – 12:45 PM in the church or anytime by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

**Baptism:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

**Marriage:** Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date.



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January 14, 2018  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

A dramatic change greets us as we enter the church building this weekend. Gone are the evergreens, poinsettias, and lights of the Christmas Season. In their place is the simplicity of Ordinary Time. The term "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal," meaning "counted". Ordinary Time then, means "counted time," not time that is common or mundane. The count began anew this past Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and will continue uninterrupted until Ash Wednesday, February 14. We might think of it as a countdown to salvation and the day we stand face to face with God. May we make the best and most generous use of the limited time each of us possesses in this passing life as we prepare for the eternal life to come.

The green color worn during these days of Ordinary Time has traditionally been associated with new life and growth. In Hebrew, for instance, the same word for the color "green" also means "young." Some may remember the beautiful prayer with which the priest and people used to begin every Mass: "Introibo ad altare Dei. Ad deum qui laetificat juventutem meam." "I will go in to the altar of God. To God Who gives joy to my youth." By His Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection, Christ has remade and revitalized the whole world, making us all young in our hope for eternal life in Him.

This weekend our Scriptures share the common theme of "God's call". Samuel is called by God to serve Him as a prophet. The Psalmist cries out his willingness to submit his life to God's plan. St. Paul reminds us that we are all called to keep our minds and bodies pure as dwelling places for the Holy Spirit, while Andrew and Peter answer Jesus' call to "come and see" where He is staying. Occasionally God's call is dramatic and unmistakable. More often it is subtle and needs to be discerned through prayer. But the fact is that God never stops calling each of us to holiness, to particular paths, and to the unique peace that comes from knowing and accomplishing His will.

The boy Samuel at first did not recognize God calling him because "at that time Samuel was not familiar with the Lord." If it has been awhile since you tried to get to know God better and in a new way, consider taking advantage of one of the many adult faith opportunities here at St. Mary's, three of which are highlighted in this weekend's bulletin – FORMED, THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL and THE SAINT AND THE POPE. The more we know of the Lord, the easier it becomes to recognize His call and movement in our lives.

May the Lord of Our Journey continue to bless you and yours.

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

P.S. In honor of Martin Luther King, the American flag has been placed in our sanctuary this weekend and the closing Mass hymn is the Battle Hymn of the Republic. This song was first associated with efforts to end slavery and then with the Civil Rights movement. Recent months have revealed the deep divide that still exists between the races in our country, and the need to educate ourselves and the next generation as to the equality and dignity of all human persons before God. This includes the innocent unborn, for whom we will pray as a Parish at our Holy Hour for Life this coming Thursday, January 18, and for whom the whole Church will pray on Monday, January 22. In the end, peace will only come when all human life is recognized and revered as a precious and inviolate gift.

**PARISH STAFF:**

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor  
 Rev. Jim Flynn, Weekend Assistance  
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance  
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon  
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon  
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7  
 Mr. Matthew Chick, D.R.E., Grades 8-12  
 Mr. Juan Mesa, Director of Music  
 Mr. Leo Racine, Director of Contemporary Music  
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary  
 Mrs. Kim Lisbon, Religious Education Secretary  
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager  
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan  
 Mr. James Koval, Parish Facilities  
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#316	#309	#309
Offertory	#339	-	-
Communion	#379	#379	-
Recessional	#577	#577	#577

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Mass Collections: \$ 11,912.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 3,635.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 15,547.00

Thank you for your faithful support of your parish each week. May God bless you!

**MULTIPLE SECOND COLLECTION ENVELOPES:**

On January 28, in every parish, a Second Collection will be taken up in "Support of the Church around the World." You received four separate Second Collection envelopes for that date - one for

the Church in Latin America; one for the Church in Africa, Central & Eastern Europe; one for the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions and Black & Native American Missions; and one for Catholic Relief Services. Please select ONE of these to use for the "Support of the Church around the World." Second Collection on Jan. 28. If you desire to give to more than one of these causes, then please put the appropriate envelopes all in the Second Collection basket on Jan. 28. These causes used to have their own Second Collection dates, but have been consolidated into a single date this year. This was done to cut down on the number of weekends with Second Collections overall. Thank you.

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday January 13**  
 5:00 Richard Burrows, 9<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
 7:30 Margaret Reddy  
**Sunday January 14**  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's  
 9:30 Gerald Roy  
 11:30 Mass of Thanksgiving  
**Monday January 15**  
 9:00 Stanley Haberski  
 11:00 FUNERAL ~ Walter Baker  
**Tuesday January 16**  
 9:00 Walter J. Ciampa, Sr.  
**Wednesday January 17**  
 9:00 Joe & Grace Armatruda  
**Thursday January 18**  
 9:00 John Amico  
**Friday January 19**  
 9:00 Holy Souls  
**Saturday January 20**  
 9:00 Rev. Joseph J. Svirskas  
 5:00 Paul T. Shea & Emma Zeramby  
 7:30 Antonio deCastro  
**Sunday January 21**  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's  
 9:30 Jose & Deolinda Machado  
 11:30 George J. Bourque

**POINSETTIAS – THIS WEEKEND,**

**JANUARY 13 & 14:** After all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, please feel free to take home one or two of the beautiful poinsettias which are all in Fr.

Haley Hall. These lovely plants should last several more weeks if watered carefully and protected from the cold air. Enjoy!

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by John & Joanne Dalton. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

**K OF C BLOOD DRIVE:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held next Saturday, January 20 from 8:30 AM

to 1:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Please contact 1-800-REDCROSS or redcrossblood.org and search by zip code (01746) in the "Search for Blood Drive" field. For information, please contact Rodman Burgett at 508-653-6130. Thank you!



**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE:** A Holy Hour for Life will be held on Thursday, January 18 at 7:30 PM in the Church. The Holy Hour is part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. This Holy Hour will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese to pray for safe travel and a successful pilgrimage to Washington DC for all those attending the annual March for Life.

Our Holy Hour, led by Deacon John, will include Adoration, praise and worship. We will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life. The Holy Hour for Life, held in parishes throughout the greater Boston area, is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us, all are welcome.

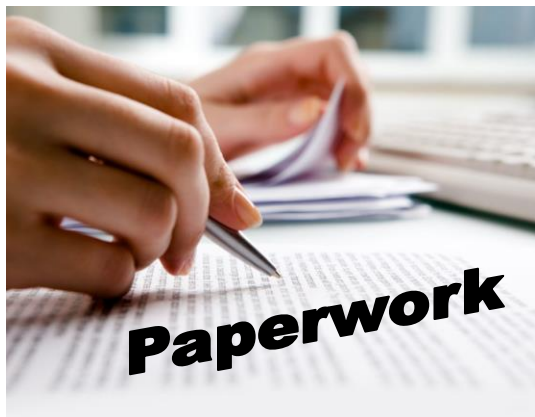
**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next Meeting is Sunday, January 28 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, a half hour longer because of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Sexes. There will be faith, friendship, fun, and signups for the February Vacation week trips to SkyZone and Boda Borg! All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome.

**EPIC:** Please note due to finals we will be postponing the Wednesday, January 17 EPIC night to Wednesday, January 24. We will also have EPIC on Sunday, January 21. Please bring paperwork for My Brother's Table trip to EPIC. Paperwork and permission forms will be sent out via email. Please let Matt Chick know if you have any questions at [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com).

**GRADE 9 CONFIRMATION:** Please note due to finals we will be postponing the grade 9 faith formation sessions on January 16 and 18 until January 30 and February 1. An email reminder will also be sent to families noting this change. Please let Matt Chick know if you have any questions at [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com).

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** The Transformed in Love Marriage Preparation Program will be offered at St. Mary's Parish in Holliston on Saturday, February 10 and Saturday, February 17, from 9 AM - 5 PM. Learn the latest in researched practical skills for great communication, gain a deeper understanding of marriage as a Sacrament and vocation, learn fertility awareness and its application in family planning, consider how differences in personality can be used as a source of strength in your relationship, and more! Register at: [www.bostoncatholic.org/marriageministries](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/marriageministries).

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit):** Is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. Please join us on Wednesday, January, 17 from 9:30-11:15 AM where St. Mary's parishioner, Marilyn Lourandos will be offering a reflection on "Flight, Storm and Rescue" pages 10-19 in "Love Crosses Boundaries" by Kevin Perotta. All women are welcome whether they can just drop in once or attend each week. Nurturing childcare is provided for those with young children. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Linda Calabrese at [\(508\) 893-7919](tel:5088937919) or Lisa Dufault at [\(774\)-286-1844](tel:7742861844).



**TAX STATEMENTS:** Tax statements for fiscal year 2017 are currently being prepared and will be mailed out in the coming weeks. If you have any questions regarding your statement please call the rectory at 429-4427. St. Mary's is grateful to both those who faithfully use Our Sunday Visitor envelopes and those who use direct banking. If using envelopes, please remember to write the enclosed amount on the outside. If this is done, the money counters only have to verify the contents. If it is not done, then they also have to write the amount for you, which adds substantially to the time needed to count the collection for deposit. Thank you for helping our volunteers!

**2018 CORI RENEWAL ALERT:** All active volunteers (17 years and older) must complete a 2018 CORI. Forms are being sent out to all volunteers via Constant Contact as an attachment. If you have access to a printer, you may fill them in at home and come to the Religious Education Office for verification and signature. You will need to show a photo ID and place your driver's license number on the form. Bring your completed CORI form to the RE office or to a Staff member. CORI forms are available on the table outside the Religious Education Office.

St. Mary's Parish has been blessed to receive a two year Grant by the Archdiocese of Boston in partnership with St. Augustine Institute to offer the new evangelization tool **FORMED** for our parish family. This tool can be used to discover the treasures of our faith in various digital formats. The website is amazing with something for all ages.

#### HOW TO REGISTER FOR FORMED:

**Go to:** <https://www.formed.org>.

1. Once you are on the FORMED page you will see "LOGIN". **DO NOT** use LOGIN to register.
2. Scroll down the FORMED page and you will see across the page "LEARN", "SUBSCRIBE" and "REGISTER"
3. Click "REGISTER". The page will change and you are in a new window.
4. Enter the Parish Access Code: **NW3N3Q** (all caps).
5. Enter your personal Email address.
6. Another window opens and you will be asked to enter your First and Last Name, Job (Parishioner), Address, State, and Zip Code.
7. Enter your Password – (twice for verification) \*please write this down.
8. You will then be asked to verify your Email.
9. Go and check your Email box and verify.
10. Once you verify your Email you will be in the FORMED page.
11. Now **LOGIN**: Enter your Email Address and Password. Enjoy the various programs!

## GET FORMED!

themes provide a model of Christian living in the modern world. Under the guidance of Franciscan theologian Fr. Daniel P. Horan, you will gain an appreciation for the uniqueness of the Franciscan tradition and the ways in which St. Francis' example have inspired a Jesuit pope in the twenty-first century. This course will be starting on January 29, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Parish Library. If interested please contact Earl King (508) 361-8655 so that we can prepare the correct number of participant packages. The first Topic Title will be: The "Foolishness" of Faith. Bring a friend! Topics include:

- The Foundations of Franciscan Prayer
- The Two Pillars of Franciscan Prayer
- Pope Francis and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Part I
- Pope Francis and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Part II
- The Many Meanings of "Poverty"
- The Spirituality of Franciscan Poverty
- Christ the Model of Evangelical Poverty
- The Goal and Purpose of Evangelical Poverty
- How St. Francis Discovered Mercy
- Mercy in the Writings of St. Francis
- Pope Francis: Changed by Mercy
- Mercy is the Greatest Virtue
- Introducing Christian Approaches to Creation

#### THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL:

"We know that God wants his children to be happy in this world too, even though they are called to fulfillment in eternity for he has created all things for our enjoyment..." (#182). These are words of Pope Francis in his 2013 apostolic exhortation The Joy of the Gospel. Join a reading and discussion group about this work and you will learn more about God's call. The group will meet on six consecutive Thursday evenings, beginning on January 4. Leo Racine (429-7476) will be the group facilitator; call him for more information or to register.

#### THE SAINT AND THE POPE ~ LENTEN SERIES 2018 AT

#### ST. MARY'S PARISH, HOLLISTON:

What the spirituality of Two Men Named Francis Can Teach Us about Christian Living. Come and explore the spirituality of two pillars of Christian living. Both St. Francis and Pope Francis have captured the attention of the world, the former for centuries and the latter since his election as Bishop of Rome. Now, in this 9-lecture course, you will explore the rich spiritual tradition of Francis of Assisi and the work of Pope Francis. We will give special attention to four themes: prayer, evangelical poverty, mercy, and creation.

In addition to learning about the life, writings, and teachings of these two inspiring men, you will discover how these

- St. Francis and the Kinship of Creation
- The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor
- Key Themes of Laudato Si
- Conclusion: Walking in the Footprints of Francis



**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6:** Today, Sunday, Jan. 14, the children will be dismissed from the main assembly and led to the Lower Church Hall to hear what Jesus has to tell them in the Gospel. **Please note:** Younger children are welcome **but must be accompanied by their parents** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson. Older children are welcome to CLOW as assistants to the adult leaders.

#### WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Jan. 14	NO CLASSES	
Mon., Jan. 15	NO CLASSES	
Tues., Jan 16	GR-4 at 3:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:30 PM
	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Jan 17	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Thur., Jan 18	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Jan 21	GR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 1:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:30 PM

#### GRADES 3– 6 COORDINATOR /TEACHER MTG:

On Monday, January 29 at 7:15 PM there will be a Coordinator meeting in RM 3-4 to discuss the events and class activities for the second half of the year. This is an important meeting.

#### DATE CHANGE -GRADE 3 PARENT ROSARY

**MAKING PROJECT:** The new date is Saturday, February 10 from 10 – 11 AM in RM 3 – 4 of the center. Parents and teachers are asked to help make Rosary kits for the Grade 3 children. This is a hands on activity requiring lots of patience and good conversation. We will need your help in preparing the kits for the Grade 3 general session scheduled for Monday, April 9.

#### GRADE 5 CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY WORKSHOP

**FOR PARENTS:** There will be three dates available for parents to view the Grade 5 Sexuality program that has been offered at St. Mary's for over 25 years. Parents can review the material and decide if their child is ready to participate in the student workshop offered on Saturday, March 17. The parent workshop dates are: Sunday, Jan. 21 from 3 – 4 PM, Saturday, Jan. 27 from 10 – 11 AM, and Thursday, Feb. 1 from 7 – 8 PM. All workshops will be held in Room 3 – 4 in the Religious Education Center.

#### GRADE 5 HEALING MASS SUNDAY FEBRUARY

**11 AT 11:30 AM.** All Grade 5 students are required to attend and witness the Sacrament of Healing as part of their learning experience on the Anointing of the Sick.

**COMPASSIOANTE FRIENDS:** Tuesday, January 16, at 7:45 PM in the Library.

**CONFIRMATION I AND II:** Grade 9 meets on Tuesday, January 16 and Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS:** Our Grade 2 program will need teen volunteers to help with the Family Retreat on Saturday, April 7 from 12:00 Noon to 4:30 PM. There will also be a need for ushers for the First Communion rehearsals and Masses on Saturday, May 5 and May 12. These are important events for our Grade 2 children. If you can assist with these events please contact Mrs. Crespi at 508-429-6076 or send an Email to: [st.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com).

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** The second part of the *EPIC* twenty session series on Church History will resume on Tuesday, January 16 at 10:00 AM in Room 3 – 4. Everyone is welcome to join us.



#### R.E. CLASS SNOW CANCELLATIONS:

When Holliston public schools are closed due to inclement weather, religious education classes will not be held. Weather cancellations will be aired on Channel 5 and Channel 7 during the week day and on Channel 4 on Saturday & Sunday only. You can also call the R.E. Office at 508-429-6076 and press ext. 28 for cancellation notices.

#### 2018 CORI RENEWAL ALERT FOR ALL

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES:** Ministry Leaders are to make sure that **all** their active volunteers (18 years and older) renew and complete a 2018 CORI. These forms must be completed each year. Forms are being sent out to all known volunteers via Constant Contact as an attachment. If you have access to a printer, you can print out the CORI form, complete both sides, sign it, scan it in along with a copy of your license and send it back via Email it to: [st.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com). The other option is to stop by the R.E. office and complete the form and present a photo ID such as your license or passport. Your driver's license number needs to be on the completed form.

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## July 23 - 27